(a) the progress so far made in the completion of revision of electoral roll in Kashmir;

(b) the expected date by which it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the revision of electoral rolls in the state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The revision of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kahsmir with reference to 1.1.1995 as the qualifying date in the seventy-six Assembly constituencies has been completed and the rolls were scheduled to be finally published on 1st May, 1995. However, the final publication of the electoral rolls has been postponed in view of the Notification of Delimitation Commission, Jammu and Kashmir dated 27th April, 1995 by which the state has been delimited into eighty-seven Assembly constituencies. The Election Commission is awaiting a detailed programme from the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir regarding collation of electoral rolls into the new eighty-seven Assembly constituencies and final publication thereof.

High Court Benches headed by Chief Justices belonging to SC

4803. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to statewhat is the total number of High Courts and High Court Benches in the country and how many of them are headed by Chief Justices drawn from Scheduled Caste incumbents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): There are at present 18 High Courts and 13 permanent Benches thereof functioning at different places throughout the country. At present, one High Court is headed by the Chief Justice belonging to Scheduled Caste. Permanent Benches of HIgh Courts functioning at places away from their principal seats are not headed by Chief Justices; Judges are deputed from time to time to these Benches by the Chief Justices from the principal seats.

Use of Cost Audit Reports

4804. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what use his Ministry is making of the Cost Audit Reports;

(b) whether it is a fact that even the MRTP Commission is not using the Cost Audit Reports;

(c) the industries on which Cost Audit has been approved but has not been extended so far;

(d) what is the hold-up; and

(e) by when Cost Audit would be imposed on these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The cost audit reports received are revised to find out cases of disproportionate increase in prices, under utilisation of capacity, inefficiency in the usage of raw materials, deficiency in the maintenance of cost records, inaccuracies in the reported cost data etc. These issues are also taken up with the concerned Ministries, Cost Auditors and the companies for follow up action.

(b) The Cost Audit Report is used by the MRTP Commission whenever and wherever it is deemed necessary.

(c) to (e) The products of Insecticides—Formulations, Footwear, Industrial gases, Shaving blades, Watches, Milk preparations, processed foods etc., have been indentified for the purpose of prescribing Cost Accounting